

**- 2001 Annual General Meeting -
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network
(WIDECAST)**

"Grand Ballroom A-B"
Adams Mark Hotel, Philadelphia
22 - 23 February 2001

**AGENDA
Thursday, 22 February**

- 08:00 Juice and Pastries [Grand Ballroom A-B]
09:00 Welcome - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*
09:10 Introductions
09:20 Call to Order
- Meeting Secretary
 - Attendance
- Announcements
- Accommodations, transportation, meals
 - Symposium registration
 - Others

Session I: Executive Director's Report, 2000

- 09:30 Executive Director's Report – *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*
10:30 Coffee Break

Session II: Country Reports (12-15 min each)

- 11:00 Belize - *Leroy Andrewin, Field Director, Gales Point Hawksbill Project and Linda Searle, Director, SYMBIOS*
Aruba - *Lidy Zienstra, Biologist, Parke Nacional Arikok and Director, CARET*
Martinique & Guadeloupe - *Johan Chevalier, Chargé de mission Tortues marines dans les Départements Français d'Amérique, DIREN Martinique*
Sint Maarten (Netherlands Antilles) - *Andy Caballero, Manager, Marine Park and Nature Foundation of Sint Maarten*
St. Lucia - *Moses Wilfred, Forest Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries*

12:30 LUNCH

13:30 Open Room – Displays and Sharing

Session III: International Issues

14:00 Migratory Turtles and the Imperative of Regional Planning – *Scott Eckert, Senior Research Biologist, Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute*

14:30 International Movements of Hawksbills – *Peri Mason, Field Director, Jumby Bay Hawksbill Research Project (Antigua), with notes from Julia Horrocks, Univ. West Indies/ Barbados Sea Turtle Project, on Barbados-tagged turtles*

14:45 An Update on the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC) – *Jack Frazier, Smithsonian Institution*

15:00 CITES “COP11” (10-20 April, Nairobi) and IV Taller Regional para la Conservación de las Tortugas Marinas en Centroamérica (9-14 October, San Ignacio) - *Didiher Chacon C., Head, WIDECAS NGO Observer Delegation to COP11 and Coordinator, IV Taller (Costa Rica)*

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 CITES Regional Hawksbill Workshop – *Alberto Abreu G., Chair, IUCN/SSC Marine Turtle Specialist Group (México)*

17:00 Open Forum
Resolutions and Recommendations of the Meeting

17:30 Closing Remarks and Adjourn

*Thank You for Joining Us -
Have a Relaxing Evening!*

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Session IV: Training and Capacity Building

09:00 WIDECAST Training Partnerships: 2000-2001 - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

09:15 Bermuda Turtle Project Field Course: Biology and Conservation of Marine Turtles - *Jennifer Gray, Sea Turtle Coordinator, Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo*

09:30 Sea Turtles and Beachfront Lighting: An Interactive Workshop for Industry Professionals and Policy-Makers in Barbados - *Julia Horrocks, Univ. West Indies/ Barbados Sea Turtle Project*

09:45 Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation: Venezuela Course – *Hedelvy Guada, WIDECAST Coordinadora para Sur America y las Antillas Mayores*

10:00 Coffee Break

Session V: Country Reports (12-15 min each)

- 10:30 Guatemala - *Anabella Barrios, Proyecto Manglares, UICN - UE – INAB*
Honduras - *Carlos Molinero, MOPAWI*
Costa Rica - *Didiher Chacón C., Coordinador, Proyecto de Conservación de las Tortugas Marinas, Asoc. ANAI*
Guyana - *Annette Arjoon, Audley James, and Romeo De Frietas, Guyana Marine Turtle Conservation Society*
French Guiana - *Grégory Talvy, Coordinator, Sea Turtle Program, Association KWATA and Isabelle Nolibos, Coordinator, Sea Turtle Program, Association SEPANGUY*
- 11:45 Report on the VIII Reunion of Latin American Sea Turtle Specialists – *Roxana Silman, Caribbean Conservation Corporation and Reunion Steering Committee*

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Session VI: Integrating Research and Community Participation

- 13:30 Embracing a Nation - *Neca Marcovaldi, Presidente, Fundação PróTAMAR (Brazil)*
- 13:45 Village-based Conservation in Suriname - *Raggie Slijngard, Sea Turtle Coordinator, STINASU*
- 14:00 Public Education at the Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo - *Jennifer Gray, Sea Turtle Coordinator and Bobbie Cartwright, Interpretive Tour Guide*

Session VII: 2001-2002 Work Plan

- 14:15 Introduction to the Working Groups – *Karen Eckert, WIDECAS Executive Director*
- 14:30 Working Group A – Creating www.widecast.org (*Chair, H. Guada – Venezuela*)
Working Group B – Designing a Regional Tagging Database (*Chair, S. Eckert - USA*)
Working Group C – Resolutions Committee (*Chair - D. Chacón, Costa Rica*)
Working Group D – Environment Education Priorities (*Chair - J. Gray, Bermuda*)
Working Group E – Facilitating Index Beach Monitoring (*Chair - M. Felix, St. Lucia*)
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